

What is claimed is:

1. In combination:

a central maintenance computer system; and,

an onboard maintenance terminal;

said onboard maintenance terminal linking faults to maintenance documentation;

and,

said onboard maintenance terminal further linking flight deck effect (FDE)

EICAS messages to FIM troubleshooting procedures.

2. The method of operating an onboard maintenance terminal for an aircraft comprising the steps of:

selecting a real time highlighted CMC fault or flight deck effect (FDE) being displayed on the CMC maintenance terminal menus; and,

obtaining a display of the aircraft maintenance manual FIM troubleshooting procedure for the fault/FDE indication.